

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y.,

Debtor.

Case No. 20-10322

Chapter 11

NOTICE OF FILING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in accordance with the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals and Members of Official Committees* [Docket No. 362], Blank Rome, LLP has filed the *Monthly Fee Statement of Blank Rome, LLP for Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses as Special Insurance Counsel to The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y. for the Period April 1, 2025 Through April 30, 2025*, a copy of which is attached hereto and hereby served upon you.

Dated: May 19, 2025

BLANK ROME, LLP

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**MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF BLANK ROME, LLP FOR COMPENSATION
FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES
AS SPECIAL INSURANCE COUNSEL TO THE DIOCESE OF BUFFALO, N.Y.
FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2025 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2025**

Name of Applicant: Blank Rome, LLP

Authorized to Provide
Professional Services to: The Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., Debtor-In-Possession

Date of Retention: Order entered June 30, 2020 [Docket No. 423]
Nunc Pro Tunc to February 28, 2020

Period for which compensation
and reimbursement is sought: April 1, 2025 through April 30, 2025

Amount of compensation sought
as actual, reasonable and necessary: 80% of \$36,284.04 (\$29,027.23)

Amount of expense reimbursement sought
as actual, reasonable and necessary: \$2,070.33

This is a: X monthly ____ quarterly ____ final application.
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This is Blank Rome's sixtieth monthly fee statement in this case.

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DIOCESE OF BUFFALO
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795 MAIN STREET
BUFFALO, NY 14203

INVOICE DATE: MAY 19, 2025
CLIENT ID: 155760
MATTER NUMBER: 155760-00601 03348
INVOICE NUMBER: 2280148

**REGARDING: DIOCESE OF BUFFALO
INSURANCE ADVICE**

DATE	INVOICE	AMOUNT	CREDITS	BALANCE
07/31/2020	1908397	\$25,484.65	(\$22,561.19)	\$2,548.46
07/31/2020	1908398	\$22,046.42	(\$19,466.78)	\$2,204.64
07/31/2020	1908399	\$55,775.57	(\$49,823.02)	\$5,577.55
07/31/2020	1908400	\$22,514.46	(\$19,888.02)	\$2,251.44
08/20/2020	1911983	\$50,783.53	(\$45,330.16)	\$5,078.37
09/22/2020	1919242	\$59,913.79	(\$53,547.41)	\$5,991.38
10/21/2020	1925894	\$44,914.95	(\$39,840.12)	\$4,491.50
11/16/2020	1931564	\$103,849.68	(\$92,881.37)	\$10,384.97
12/08/2020	1936638	\$67,978.34	(\$60,597.17)	\$6,797.83
01/28/2021	1944850	\$58,271.07	(\$51,914.37)	\$5,773.37
02/23/2021	1950370	\$43,496.36	(\$38,563.39)	\$4,349.64
03/31/2021	1957000	\$37,448.27	(\$33,120.11)	\$3,744.83
04/28/2021	1964026	\$34,425.70	(\$30,983.13)	\$3,442.57
05/26/2021	1970085	\$11,332.51	(\$10,199.26)	\$1,133.25
06/23/2021	1975333	\$5,872.42	(\$5,285.18)	\$587.24
07/26/2021	1981564	\$10,499.90	(\$9,449.91)	\$1,049.99
08/24/2021	1988112	\$24,862.74	(\$22,376.46)	\$2,486.28
09/27/2021	1993685	\$30,361.29	(\$27,325.16)	\$3,036.13
10/23/2024	2231359	\$2,133.09	(\$1,706.47)	\$426.62
11/22/2024	2239833	\$14,604.30	(\$11,683.44)	\$2,920.86
01/08/2025	2247612	\$11,863.05	(\$9,490.44)	\$2,372.61
01/29/2025	2253677	\$25,201.66	(\$20,238.02)	\$4,963.64
02/24/2025	2259734	\$30,038.84	(\$24,031.07)	\$6,007.77
03/11/2025	2263224	\$5,903.61	(\$4,722.89)	\$1,180.72

ACH/WIRE

Mail

Bank Name: Citizens Bank
Address: Philadelphia, PA
Account Title: Blank Rome LLP
Account Number: [REDACTED]
ABA Number: [REDACTED] (Domestic)
Swift Code: [REDACTED] (International)

Blank Rome LLP
Attn: Finance Department
One Logan Square
130 North 18th St
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DATE	INVOICE	AMOUNT	CREDITS	BALANCE
04/16/2025	2272745	\$5,577.47	(\$4,461.98)	\$1,115.49
BALANCE FORWARD				\$89,917.15
FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED THROUGH 4/30/25			\$36,284.04	
FOR DISBURSEMENTS ADVANCED THROUGH 4/30/25			\$2,070.33	
CURRENT INVOICE TOTAL				\$38,354.37
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE, INCLUDING BALANCE FORWARD				\$128,271.52

REMITTANCE

ACH/WIRE		Mail
Bank Name	Citizens Bank	Blank Rome LLP
Address:	Philadelphia, PA	Attn: Finance Department
Account Title:	Blank Rome LLP	One Logan Square
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FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED THROUGH APRIL 30, 2025

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TIMEKEEPER	HOURS	AMOUNT
04/01/25	REVIEW RECORDS, PRIOR CORRESPONDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH BEDIVERE CORRESPONDENCE	R. MICHAELSON	0.20	96.25
04/01/25	FINALIZE EMAIL RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS ABOUT POLICIES FROM BEDIVERE'S COUNSEL	J. CARTER	2.10	1,309.77
04/02/25	REVIEW AND RESPOND TO EMAIL FROM INSURANCE COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE REQUESTING INFORMATION RELATING TO A CLAIM	J. CARTER	0.10	62.37
04/03/25	LOCATE PROOF OF CLAIM REQUESTED BY INSURER, FOR A CLAIMANT THAT FILED A COMPLAINT	K. ROGERS	0.20	65.00
04/04/25	AFTER LOCATING CORRECT PROOF OF CLAIM, CREATE SECURITY FOR THE PDF, THEN SEND ON TO INSURER'S COUNSEL WHO HAD REQUESTED A COPY OF THE PROOF OF CLAIM	K. ROGERS	0.80	260.00
04/04/25	EMAIL WITH K. ROGER AND R. MICHAELSON RELATING TO REQUEST FROM INSURER FOR INFORMATION ABOUT A CLAIM	J. CARTER	0.10	62.37
04/04/25	FOLLOW UP RE INSURER CORRESPONDENCE	R. MICHAELSON	0.60	288.75
04/08/25	RESPOND TO QUESTION FROM DEFENSE COUNSEL IN STAY-RELIEF CASES RELATING TO INSURANCE-RELATED QUESTION	J. CARTER	0.90	561.33
04/09/25	REVIEW CARRIER ALLOCATIONS AND ISSUES FOR UPCOMING MEDIATION	J. MURRAY	1.10	927.47
04/10/25	REVIEW DRAFT EMAIL TO INSURER IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR CLAIM INFORMATION AND PROVIDE COMMENTS TO R. MICHAELSON	J. CARTER	0.10	62.37
04/10/25	FOLLOW UP RE PROOF OF CLAIM, INCLUDING REVIEWING/DRAFTING CORRESPONDENCE RE SAME	R. MICHAELSON	0.40	192.50
04/11/25	REVIEW DRAFT EMAILS FROM R.	J. CARTER	0.20	124.74

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TIMEKEEPER	HOURS	AMOUNT
	MICHAELSON REGARDING ARROWOOD AND PROVIDE COMMENTS TO R. MICHAELSON			
04/14/25	EMAIL EXCERPT FROM MEDIATION STATEMENT TO MEDIATOR	J. CARTER	0.10	62.37
04/14/25	ANALYSIS OF BEDIVERE DOCUMENT PRODUCTION ITEMS INCLUDING ADDITIONAL PAGES TO BE PRODUCED	A. BERMAN	0.60	228.69
04/14/25	RESEARCH LAW REGARDING INSURER'S DUTY TO PRESERVE POLICIES FOR J. CARTER	A. SPENCER	1.20	425.04
04/15/25	FOLLOW UP RE PROOF OF CLAIM, INCLUDING REVIEWING/DRAFTING CORRESPONDENCE RE SAME	R. MICHAELSON	0.20	96.25
04/16/25	TELECONFERENCE WITH S. DONATO REGARDING MEDIATION	J. MURRAY	0.50	421.58
04/16/25	REVIEW CARRIER ANALYSIS FOR MEDIATIONS	J. MURRAY	1.10	927.47
04/16/25	FOLLOW UP RE PROOF OF CLAIM, INCLUDING RESEARCH IN CONNECTION WITH SAME	R. MICHAELSON	0.50	240.63
04/18/25	CALL WITH J. CARTER RE COMMITTEE INQUIRY	R. MICHAELSON	0.20	96.25
04/18/25	RESPOND TO EMAIL FROM COMMITTEE INSURANCE COUNSEL REGARDING POLICY INFORMATION	J. CARTER	0.50	311.85
04/18/25	CONFERENCE WITH R. MICHAELSON REGARDING REQUEST FROM COMMITTEE INSURANCE COUNSEL	J. CARTER	0.20	124.74
04/20/25	PREPARE FOR MEDIATION TO INCLUDE REVISED SETTLEMENT ANALYSIS FOR MAJOR CARRIERS	J. MURRAY	2.00	1,686.30
04/20/25	EMAIL TO J. MURRAY RELATING TO MEDIATION	J. CARTER	0.10	62.37
04/21/25	ATTEND CONFERENCE WITH MEDIATOR	J. CARTER	0.80	498.96
04/21/25	REVIEW CARRIER ANALYSIS FOR MEDIATION INCLUDING ASSESSMENT OF DEMANDS AND CLAIMS ANALYSIS	J. MURRAY	2.50	2,107.88
04/21/25	OUTLINE ISSUES FOR MEDIATION AS RELATES TO CERTAIN CARRIERS	J. MURRAY	1.00	843.15
04/21/25	TELECONFERENCE WITH MEDIATOR (JUDGE CYGANOWSKI) REGARDING INSURANCE ISSUES	J. MURRAY	0.80	674.52
04/21/25	TRAVEL TIME TO BUFFALO (BILLED AT HALF TIME - ACTUAL TRAVEL TIME WAS 2 HOURS)	J. MURRAY	1.00	843.15
04/21/25	PREPARE FOR MEDIATION	J. CARTER	1.80	1,122.66
04/22/25	ATTEND MEDIATION (BUFFALO) (7.5); PREPARE FOR SAME (1.5)	J. MURRAY	9.00	7,588.35

DATE	DESCRIPTION	TIMEKEEPER	HOURS	AMOUNT
04/22/25	ASSIST WITH MEDIATION-RELATED QUERY, INCLUDING REVIEWING RECORDS IN CONNECTION WITH SAME	R. MICHAELSON	0.40	192.50
04/22/25	ANALYSIS OF CLAIMS MADE AGAINST SPECIFIC PARISHES FOR USE IN MEDIATION	A. BERMAN	3.20	1,219.68
04/22/25	PREPARE FOR MEDIATION	J. CARTER	0.60	374.22
04/22/25	ATTEND MEDIATION SESSION	J. CARTER	7.50	4,677.75
04/23/25	ATTEND MEDIATION (BUFFALO)	J. MURRAY	4.00	3,372.60
04/23/25	WORK ON SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS	J. MURRAY	1.00	843.15
04/23/25	ATTEND SECOND DAY OF MEDIATION SESSION	J. CARTER	2.30	1,434.51
04/23/25	FOLLOW UP RE PROOF OF CLAIM, INCLUDING REVIEWING CORRESPONDENCE RE SAME	R. MICHAELSON	0.20	96.25
04/28/25	TELEPHONE CONFERENCE WITH MEDIATOR REGARDING SETTLEMENT ISSUES	J. MURRAY	0.50	421.58
04/28/25	CONFERENCE WITH CARRIER COUNCIL REGARDING SETTLEMENT ISSUE	J. MURRAY	0.50	421.58
04/29/25	WORK ON GLOBAL AND INDIVIDUAL CARRIER DEMANDS	J. MURRAY	0.90	758.84
04/30/25	FOLLOW UP RE PROOF OF CLAIM	R. MICHAELSON	0.20	96.25
TOTAL SERVICES				\$36,284.04

FOR DISBURSEMENTS ADVANCED THROUGH APRIL 30, 2025

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
04/21/25	CAR SERVICE/TAXI: JAMES CARTER UBER TO OFFICE. ON 04/21/25	32.73
04/21/25	CAR SERVICE/TAXI: JAMES CARTER UBER TO DCA AIRPORT. ON 04/21/25	26.93
04/21/25	AIRFARE: JAMES MURRAY ATTEND COURT HEARING AND MEDIATION -- SEEKING COACH FARE REIMBURSEMENT ONLY. ON 04/23/25	561.00
04/21/25	CAR SERVICE/TAXI: JAMES MURRAY ATTEND COURT HEARING AND MEDIATION ON 04/21/25	49.56
04/21/25	CAR SERVICE/TAXI: JAMES MURRAY ATTEND COURT HEARING AND MEDIATION ON 04/21/25	52.83
04/22/25	MEALS - HOTEL BREAKFAST: JAMES MURRAY ATTEND COURT HEARING AND MEDIATION ON 04/22/25	40.01
04/23/25	CAR SERVICE/TAXI: JAMES CARTER RIDE FROM AIRPORT TO 3614 37TH ST NW, WASHINGTON, DC 20016. ON 04/23/25	40.60
04/23/25	OUT OF TOWN LODGING: JAMES CARTER HOTEL STAY IN BUFFALO, NY ON 04/23/25	456.29
04/23/25	CAR SERVICE/TAXI: JAMES MURRAY ATTEND COURT HEARING AND MEDIATION ON 04/23/25	44.01
04/23/25	OUT OF TOWN LODGING: JAMES MURRAY ATTEND COURT HEARING AND MEDIATION ON 04/23/25	700.06
04/23/25	CAR SERVICE/TAXI: JAMES MURRAY ATTEND COURT HEARING AND MEDIATION ON 04/23/25	66.31

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$2,070.33

CURRENT INVOICE TOTAL	\$38,354.37
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TIME AND FEE SUMMARY

TIMEKEEPER	RATE	HOURS	FEES
JAMES CARTER	623.70	17.40	10,852.38
JAMES MURRAY	843.15	25.90	21,837.62
ROBYN MICHAELSON	481.25	2.90	1,395.63
ALEXANDER H. BERMAN	381.15	3.80	1,448.37
AMY J. SPENCER	354.20	1.20	425.04
KEVIN ROGERS	325.00	1.00	325.00
TOTALS		52.20	\$36,284.04